

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ROME 07965 021843Z
ACTION EUR-08

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 NSCE-00 INR-05 CIAE-00 SY-02
USSS-00 PM-03 DODE-00 L-01 SP-02 MCT-01 IO-06
/043 W

-----001148 021853Z /43

P R 021815Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2454
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMCONSUL FLORENCE
AMCONSUL GENOA
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMCONSUL MILAN
AMCONSUL NAPLES
AMCONSUL PALERMO
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMCONSUL TRIESTE POUCH
AMCONSUL TURIN POUCH
USMISSION USNATO
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 7965

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT,IT
SUBJECT: MORO KIDNAPPING/ ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE

1. SEN. BARTOLOMEI, PRESIDENT OF DC GROUP IN SENATE,
SOUGHT MEETING WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON MAY 2.
PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS APPARENTLY TO ASK WHETHER, AS ASSERTED
BY PAESE SERA AND OTHER LEFT PUBLICATIONS, UNSYG
WALDHEIM'S APPEAL TO THE RED BRIGADES (RB) WAS
INSTIGATED BY THE USG. BARTOLOMEI COMMENTED THAT THE
FORMULATON OF WALDHEIM'S APPEAL GAVE THE RB WHAT THEY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ROME 07965 021843Z

ARE SEEKING, I.E., RECOGNITION AS A LEGITIMATE POLITICAL
FORCE. REFUSAL OF SUCH RECOGNITION IS THE FUNDAMENTAL
ISSUE INVOLVED IN THE GOI'S AND DC'S CONTINUED REFUSAL
TO NEGOTIATE OR CONSIDER AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS WITH THE
RB AND THE DC LEADERS FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THEIR POSI-
TION ON THIS ISSUE MUST BE MAINTAINED. IN RESPONSE
TO BARTOLOMEI'S QUESTION, THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR

ASSURED HIM THAT WALDHEIM HAD NOT ACTED AT THE REQUEST OR INSTIGATION OF THE USG, THAT INsofar AS WE HERE IN ROME KNOW WALDHEIM HAS NO PRESENT PLAN FOR ANY FURTHER INITIATIVE, AND THAT WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE REASONS FOR THE GOI'S AND DC'S CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE.

2. IN THE COURSE OF THE ABOVE DISCUSSION BARTOLOMEI WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY'S (PSI) INITIATIVES TOWARD SOME KIND OF NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RB, FOR ESSENTIALLY THE SAME REASON THAT HE WAS CRITICAL OF WALDHEIM. HE ATTRIBUTED THE PSI'S EFFORT TO A CALCULATION THAT IT MIGHT HAVE SOME POSITIVE EFFECT IN THE LOCAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN ITALY ON MAY 14.

3. BARTOLOMEI ALSO STATED THAT THE PSI INITIATIVE IS TENDING TO DESTABILIZE THE PRESENT FIVE-PARTY GOVERNING MAJORITY. IN ADDITION, THE PCI LEADERSHIP IS GETTING RESTLESS, IN PART BECAUSE OF THE CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE LEADERSHIP AND ELEMENTS IN THE BASE WHICH FAVOR THE RB, AND IN PART BECAUSE THE PCI SEES THE "LAW AND ORDER" ISSUE AS A SUPERB OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND ITS APPEAL TO THE DISTURBED AND WORRIED MIDDLE CLASSES. FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, BARTOLOMEI SAID THAT EARLY NATIONAL ELECTIONS (BY THE END OF JUNE OR EARLY JULY) CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. THERE IS STILL ONE CHANCE IN THREE THAT THEY WILL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 ROME 07965 021843Z

OCCUR--IF THEY DO, IT WILL BE AT PCI INITIATIVE.

4. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, FANFANI ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO A GROWING BUT STILL UNCERTAIN POSSIBILITY OF EARLY ELECTIONS. GARDNER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: KIDNAPPING, POLITICAL STABILITY, POLITICAL PARTIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 may 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978ROME07965
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780187-0409
Format: TEL
From: ROME
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197805102/aaaadixl.tel
Line Count: 99
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 2031d593-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2517690
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MORO KIDNAPPING/ ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE
TAGS: PINT, IT, (MORO, ALDO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/2031d593-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014